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In the Matter of the Application of: Junya Akasaka and Suwa Hiroyuki

Serial No.: to be assigned

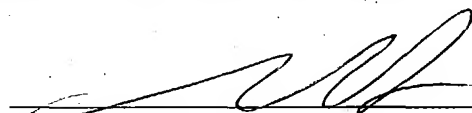
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STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

[NOTE: One only of items **a**, **b**, **c**, and **d** must be checked.]

- [X] **a.** The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- [] **b.** The enclosed statement is being filed after a first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 CFR §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311.

The enclosed statement is accompanied by [check one]:

- ☐ i. a certification in part (e) below as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);
- or
- ☐ ii. permission is hereby given to the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 501581 in the amount of \$180 required by 37 CFR §1.17(p).
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PETITION: It is requested that the information being submitted be considered.

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- ☐ **PETITION FEE:** Permission is hereby given to the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 501581 in the amount of \$180.00 as required by 37 CFR §1.17(p).
- ☐ **CERTIFICATION** is attended to in box (e) below.
- ☐ d. The enclosed statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(i), for placement in the file.
- ☐ e. **Certification**[Check one] [Certification is required only if box (b)(i) or box (c) has been checked.]

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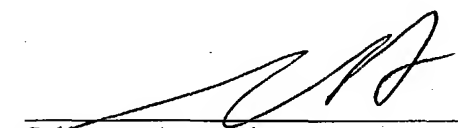
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- f. If a fee is due in connection with this communication the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 501581. **If (f) is checked, a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,



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